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DEPARTMENT FOR S/NM, LA PAZ FOR AMBASSADOR VANCE

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SUBJ: VISIT OF AMBASSADOR VANCE TO LIMA

1. AMBASSADOR SHELDON VANCE (S/NM) VISITED LIMA JANUARY 7 TO 8. HE AND AMBASSADOR DEAN MET WITH KEY PERUVIAN NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS: PERUVIAN INVESTIGATIONS POLICE CHIEF ALFONSO RIVERA SANTANDER, GUARDIA CIVIL COMMANDER GENERAL GASTON ZAPATA DE LA FLOR AND INTERIOR MINISTER GENERAL CESAR CAMPOS QUESADA. THE VISIT WAS USEFUL TO ANTI-NARCOTICS EFFORTS HERE IN EXTENDING RECOGNITION FOR PERUVIAN WORK TO DATE, IN SETTING FORTH THE GROWING NARCOTICS PROBLEM IN THE U.S. AND OUR BROADENED APPROACH TO IT, AND IN ENCOURAGING AND SUGGESTING A SIMILARLY INTENSIFIED AND BROADENED PERUVIAN APPROACH. KEY POINTS OF THE DISCUSSIONS APPEAR BELOW. AIRGRAM FOLLOWS.

2. VANCE DESCRIBED CCINC'S FUNCTION AS AN INTERDEPARTMENTAL COORDINATING BODY AND HIS ROLE IN IT. HE OUTLINED THE RESURGENCE IN NARCOTICS ABUSE IN THE U.S. SINCE 1974 AND THE RECENT WHITE PAPER SUGGESTING NEW AVENUES TOWARD COMBATING THE PROBLEM. HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR PERUVIAN COOPERATION AND HOPED IT WOULD CONTINUE AND BE
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INTENSIFIED. HE REFERRED TO FAVORABLE PROSPECTS OF PROJECT

FUNNEL AND THE PERUVIAN CROP SUBSTITUTION STUDY. HE POINTED OUT THAT BETTER INFORMATION (INTELLIGENCE) AND MORE INTERDICTION WORK IN THE U.S. STANCHED BUT 10 TO 15 PERCENT OF THE ILLEGAL NARCOTICS FLOW. WHAT COULD PERU DO TO REDUCE ILLEGAL COCA PRODUCTION AND BETTER COORDINATE ITS OVERALL EFFORTS?

3. RIVERA SANTANDER NOTED THE PERUVIAN COMMITMENT UNDER THE SINGLE CONVENTION TO ELIMINATE ILLEGAL COCA WITHIN 25 YEARS. TEN YEARS AFTER SIGNATURE PERU WAS NOT MEETING THAT COMMITMENT. IN FACT, MORE RATHER THAN LESS LAND IS BEING USED FOR COCA. IN A NEW EFFORT, PIP PROPOSED CREATION OF A "CCINC" CHAIRED BY MININTERIOR WITH A FULL-TIME EXECUTIVE OFFICER. HE ASKED VANCE TO MENTION THIS PROPOSAL FAVORABLY TO CAMPOS (WHICH HE DID, AND CAMPOS AND RIVERA SANTANDER WILL DISCUSS THE PROPOSAL AT THEIR NEXT MEETING).

4. RIVERA SANTANDER SAID THERE ARE NOW 14 PERUVIAN ANTI-NARCOTICS PROGRAMS PROJECTED OR UNDER WAY. NINE ARE PREVENTATIVE INCLUDING CROP SUBSTITUTION, CROP REDUCTION AND PUBLIC EDUCATION EFFORTS, WHILE ANOTHER FIVE INVOLVE INTERDICTION. AS TO STRENGTHENING THE LICENSING AND "CONTROL" ORGANIZATION EMPRESA NACIONAL DE LA COCA, PIP OFFICIALS POINTED OUT THAT THE EMPRESA LACKED FUNDS AND PERSONNEL TO ESTABLISH EVEN REAL CONTROL OF EXISTING COCA PRODUCTION, MUCH LESS TO PREVENT NEW PLANTINGS. RIVERA SANTANDER SAID THE GOP IS NOW STUDYING THE POSSIBILITY OF CHARGING THE PIP AND GUARDIA CIVIL, TOGETHER WITH THE EMPRESA, WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR ENFORCING EXISTING LAWS AGAINST EXCESS AND ILLEGAL COCA PRODUCTION.

5. IN DISCUSSION WITH CAMPOS ABOUT YOUTH EDUCATION PROGRAM, IT WAS AGREED THAT SINCE THERE IS NO REPORTED DRUG ABUSE AMONG PUBLIC SCHOOL CHILDREN THE MINEDUCATION SHOULD NOT NOW GO BEYOND TRAINING TEACHERS TO BE ALERT FOR SIGNS OF ABUSE. SINCE THERE IS SOME DRUG ABUSE IN PRIVATE SCHOOLS, A YOUTH EDUCATION PROGRAM MIGHT BE USEFUL IN SELECTED SCHOOLS.

6. IN THE CONTEXT OF THE CROP SUBSTITUTION STUDY, VANCE MADE CLEAR THAT THE U.S. SEEKS TO BE HELPFUL TO PERUVIAN ANTI-NARCOTICS EFFORTS, BUT OUR COMMITMENT IS NOT OPEN-CONFIDENTIAL

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ENDED. WE WILL HELP FINANCE STUDIES AND EVEN PILOT PROJECTS BUT WHEN IT COMES TO IMPLEMENTATION OF LARGE-SCALE CAMPAIGNS SUCH AS COCAL (TO FORCE DESTRUCTION OF COCA PLANTINGS BY OWNERS AND SUBSTITUTION OF OTHER CROPS), THIS WILL NECESSARILY BE A PERUVIAN RESPONSIBILITY.
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